(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of RITES participation in global tenders for various projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The contract is for operation and maintenance of the newly-constructed Baghdad-Al-Qaim-Akashat high speed railway line in Iraq, covering 514 route kms. The contract value is Rs. 182 crores.

(c) RITES offers in response to global tenders are under consideration in Sudan, Yemen and Botswana.

Grants sanctioned to and expenditure incurred by KVS

1787. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of amount sanctioned under different heads of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the financial year 1988-89 by Government;

(b) what are the details of amount actually utilised under each head; and

(c) what are the details of donation etc. given by Parent Teachers Association etc. to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan or different KVS-Vidyalaya-wise in respect of concerned school ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) An amount of Rs. 11663.00 lakhs including an amount of Rs. 775.20 lakhs which was allowed to be carried forward from the previous year, was sanctioned during 1988-89.

(b) The details of accounts utilised will be available after consolidation of annual accounts.

(c) Parent Teachers Association give donations to Kendriya Vidyalayas directly. Details of such donations are not maintained at Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Headquarters).

Teachers/Officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya on deputation to Navodaya Vidyalayas

1788. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of teachers/officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who are on deputation to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Navodaya Vidyalayas run by it as on date; and

(b) what are the conditions that govern such deputations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Eighteen deputationists from the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are working as officers under the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti. Forty five deputationists are working as Principals of Vidyalayas under the Samiti. The information regarding teachers on deputation in various Navodaya Vidyalayas is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House on receipt.

(b) The terms and conditions of the selected officers for deputation are regulated in accordance with the instructions contained in Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 10(24)-E.III/60 dated 4th May 1961, as amended from time to time.

Compensation to the relatives of the victims of Karnataka Express

1789. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number of applications claiming compensation received from the relatives of the passengers of Karnataka Express which met with accident on the 18th April, 1989;

(b) what is the estimate of total amount involved;

(c) whether any dead line has been fixed for the payment of compensation and if so, what is the date;

(d) what is the total ad-hoc payment made so far to the victims of the accident; and

(e) whether at the time of payment of compensation Government propose to consider the payment of *ad hoc* amount as an *ipso facto* proof of the mishap suffered by the passengers of the ill-fated train in order to arrive at an expeditious decision of payment of compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) 165 applications, including 43 from dependants of passengers killed, have been received by the Railway so far. Under Indian Railways Act, Rs. 1 lakh is payable as compensation for each case of death and Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 1 lakh to each injured person.

(c) A retired judge of the Allahabad High Court has been appointed as the *Ad hoc* Claims Commissioner to decide all the claims for compensation arising out of this accident at the earliest possible.

(d) *Ex-gratia* payment of Rs. 4,36,250/ has been made to the injured and to the next of kin of the deceased.

(e) No Sir. The claims for compensation are decided by the *Ad hoc* Claims Commissioner under the provisions of Railway Accident (Compensation) Rules, 1950.

Nepal's Allegation Against India for Delay in Indo-Nepal Talks

1790. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has blamed India for delaying talks on trade etc Despite their (Nepal's) efforts to hold a dialogue at the Foreign Ministers level as reported in the National Herald dated the 14th July, 1989; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b). Government have seen press reports to this effect, including the article mentioned in this Quesiton.

The facts, however, are quite different. The Government have from the beginning sought to initiate a comprehensive dialogue with His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMGN) on all relevant issues between the two countries. On April 19, 1989, we formally requested HMGN to provide us the full agenda; and to specify the level and venue and suggest dates for the talks. Despite repeated reminders, there was no response until May 25, 1989 when HMGN suggested a limited agenda. Subsequently, a detailed letter dated June 16, 1989 we took the initiative to propose a comprehensive agenda covering all issues of mutual concern to HMGN and sought a frank anl candid dialogue to resolve these issues. The Napalese side have proposed certain amendments to this agenda. Their suggestions are being examined. It is our hope that a comprehensive and productive dialogue can be initiated soon.

1791. [*Transferred to the 10th August, 1989*]

कला एवं संस्कृति को बढ़ावा देने के लिए राज्यों को धनराशि दिये जाने का प्रावधान

1792. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार कला एवं संस्कृति को बढ़ावा देने के लिए राज्यों को धनराशि दे रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रयोजनार्थ महाराष्ट्र राज्य को कितनी धनराशि दी गई ?